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The Twenty-sixth Annual Report

of the

Chief Electoral Officer

The Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act
for the Calendar Year 2002

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Alberta Legislative Assembly
Office of the Chief Electoral Officer

September 2, 2003

The Honourable Ken Kowalski
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
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Dear Mr. Speaker:

It is an honour to submit to the Legislative Assembly through you, Mr. Speaker, the Twenty-sixth Annual Report of the Chief Electoral Officer concerning the administration of the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act for the calendar year 2002.

This Report is submitted pursuant to Section 4(2) of the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter E-2.

Should you require clarification or additional information, I would be pleased to respond.

Sincerely,

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Message from the Chief Electoral Officer

Our Office strives to provide a standard of excellence for all Albertans through the impartial and effective administration of the electoral process. This results in public assurance that the provisions of the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act are administered in a fair and consistent manner. My staff and I are grateful for the support and cooperation we have received from every individual and group involved in the political system over the past twelve months. It has always been my opinion that the services and information that this Office provides to both the volunteers and paid staff of any political entity mutually benefits both organizations.

In fulfilling my responsibilities, I have relied upon a dedicated group of employees. The Office of the Chief Electoral Officer is a small organization with only nine full time employees. I would like to thank these individuals for their creative thinking and continuing support as I endeavour to meet my responsibilities in an efficient and effective manner.

Should anyone require additional information on the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act, I would encourage them to contact this Office.

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Section One

The Calendar Year 2002

Overview

The following are some of the major activities and events that occurred during the calendar year 2002:

- Annual financial statements for the calendar year 2001 were received and examined from eleven registered parties;
- Annual financial statements were received and examined from two hundred and sixty-two constituency associations;
- Two hundred and seventy-four registered constituency associations were included in the Register of Constituency Associations as of December 31, 2002;
- The Alberta Alliance Party was included in the Register of Political Parties effective October 25, 2002; and
- The Office Of The Chief Electoral Officer provided administrative support to the Alberta Electoral Boundary Commission, established on March 25, 2002, in order to review the current electoral division boundaries in accordance with the Electoral Boundaries Act.

Registration Data

Political Parties

As at December 31, 2002, there were twelve political parties included in the Register of Political Parties, pursuant to Section 7(2) of the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act.

Name (Abbreviation)	Date Registered	President	Chief Financial Officer
Alberta Alliance Party (AAP) *	October 25, 2002	Dan Borden	Barry Zwueste
Alberta First Party (AFP)	November 2,1999	Tony Ollenberger	John Reil (Acting)
Alberta Greens (AG)	April 6, 1990	David Crowe	Madeleine Oldershaw
Alberta Liberal Party (LIB)	February 3, 1978	Jim D'Andrea	Chuck Dechene
Alberta New Democratic Party (NDP)	January 3, 1978	Reg C. Basken	Alex McEachern
Alberta Party Political Association (APPA)	October 30, 1990	Murray Graham	Bill Forbes
Alberta Social Credit Party (SC)	January 6, 1978	R. Chick Hurst	Norma Hurst
Communist Party - Alberta (CP-A)	January 31, 1979	Naomi Rankin	Blyth Nuttal
Natural Law Party of Alberta (NLP)	May 27, 1993	Maury Shapka	Ric Johnsen
Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta (PC)	January 3, 1978	Chris Warren	Ron Renaud
Reform Party of Alberta (REF)	August 24, 1989	Lorne Samson	David Koop
The Equity Party (TEP)	March 2, 1995	Emil van der Poorten	Bruce Hinkley

* During the calendar year 2002, the Alberta Alliance Party was included in the Register of Political Parties.

Reserved Political Party Names

This Office maintains a file of five reserved political party names as of December 31, 2002 under the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act. The current status of activity by these groups is unknown; however, they have been advised that one of the primary requirements for registration is the completion of a petition under Section 6(2)(d) of the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act. The petition must contain a minimum of 5,769 signatures of eligible electors, which represents 0.3% of the number of electors eligible to vote at the 2001 General Election.

Constituency Associations - Registration

During the 2002 calendar year, sixteen applications for registration were received and approved.

Alberta Party Political Association

Calgary-Buffalo	Wainwright

Alberta Social Credit Party

Athabasca-Wabasca	Lesser Slave Lake	Calgary-Glenmore
Calgary-Lougheed	Calgary-North West	Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview
Edmonton-Glengarry	Edmonton-Manning	Edmonton-Norwood
Grande Prairie-Smoky	Lac La Biche-St. Paul	Leduc
Red Deer-North	St. Albert	

Constituency Associations - Deregistration

As a result of filing their 2001 Annual Financial Statements after the April 2, 2002 deadline, the following constituency associations were deregistered:

Alberta First Party

Edmonton-Meadowlark	Edmonton-Mill Creek	Edmonton-Mill Woods
Cardston-Taber-Warner	Red Deer-South	

The Equity Party

The Party requested deregistration of all their constituency associations. The following Constituency Associations were deregistered in good standing:

Calgary-Glenmore	Calgary-Mountain View	Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview
Edmonton-Centre	Edmonton-Whitemud	

Constituency Associations - Reregistration

There were three requests for reregistration from deregistered constituency associations as of December 31, 2002:

Alberta Liberal Party

Grande Prairie-Wapiti

Alberta Social Credit Party

Red Deer-South	Wainwright

Summary of Constituency Association Registrations at December 31, 2002

At December 31, 2002, the number of registered constituency associations of the registered parties was as follows:

	AFP	LIB	NDP	APPA	SC	PC	TOTAL
Total Registered Constituency Associations	1	83	83	2	22	83	274

The Alberta Greens, Communist Party - Alberta, Natural Law Party of Alberta, Reform Party of Alberta and The Equity Party of Alberta had no registered constituency associations at December 31, 2002.

A chart showing the status of registered constituency associations of each registered political party, by electoral division as of December 31, 2002, is presented on pages 15 and 16.

Candidates Who Filed Late

Individuals Prohibited From Being Nominated

There are a number of individuals who were candidates at either a General Election or By-election who filed the required Candidate's Campaign Period Financial Statement after the due date and who did not apply for relief to the Court of Queen's Bench. The Chief Electoral Officer presented reports on the matter to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to Section 44(1) of the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act. The individuals named are prohibited from being nominated as candidates in an election for varying specified periods. The information of these circumstances is available in the Public Files at the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer.

Financial Statements

All political parties and constituency associations registered prior to September 1, 2002 were required to file annual financial statements for 2002 with this Office, on or before March 31, 2003, in accordance with Section 42(1) of the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act.

Political Parties - 2002 Annual Financial Statements

Twelve political parties were registered with the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer as of December 31, 2002. Eleven parties were required to submit an audited 2002 Annual Financial Statement. The Alberta Alliance Party was not required to file pursuant to Section 42(2) of the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act, as they were registered after September 1, 2002. The 2002 Political Party Annual Financial Statements were received by March 31, 2003, from the ten registered parties required to file that follow:

Alberta Greens
Alberta Liberal Party
Alberta New Democratic Party
Alberta Party Political Association
Alberta Social Credit Party
Communist Party - Alberta
Natural Law Party of Alberta
Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta
Reform Party of Alberta
The Equity Party

The Alberta First Party was deregistered for failing to file an audited 2002 Political Party Annual Financial Statement on or before March 31, 2003 and was subsequently reregistered on April 30, 2003 when the financial statement and a letter requesting reregistration were submitted to this Office.

This Report does not include comparisons of the financial support given to each political entity over the twenty-six years in which Political Party Annual Financial Statements have been required; this information is available in the Public Files at the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer. A summary of the 2002 data appears on page 17. A simplified presentation of the number, category and contributions received in the 2002 calendar year follows:

Alberta First Party

	Total Contributions	Average Contribution
Amounts to $375.00:		
2 contributions from individuals	$ 80	$ 40.00
Amounts of $375.01 and greater:		
5 contributions from individuals	$ 6,050	$ 1,210.00
Total	$ 6,130	

Alberta Greens

	Total Contributions	Average Contribution
Amounts to $375.00:		
72 contributions from individuals	$ 9,650	$ 134.03
2 contributions from corporations	$ 225	$ 112.50
Amounts of $375.01 and greater:		
7 contributions from individuals	$ 6,200	$ 885.71
1 contribution from a corporation	$ 2,479	$ 2,479.00
Total	$ 18,554	

Alberta Liberal Party

	Total Contributions	Average Contribution
Amounts to $375.00:		
1,358 contributions from individuals	$ 120,428	$ 88.68
136 contributions from corporations	$ 18,393	$ 135.24
Amounts of $375.01 and greater:		
356 contributions from individuals	$ 119,507	$ 335.69
118 contributions from corporations	$ 113,052	$ 958.07
Total	$ 371,380	

Alberta New Democratic Party

		Total Contributions	Average Contribution
Amounts to $375.00:			
2,335	contributions from individuals	$ 260,866	$ 111.72
18	contributions from corporations	$ 2,082	$ 115.67
9	contributions from trade unions	$ 1,715	$ 190.56
Amounts of $375.01 and greater:			
131	contributions from individuals	$ 93,300	$ 712.22
1	contribution from a corporation	$ 1,000	$ 1,000.00
6	contributions from trade unions	$ 4,551	$ 758.50
	Total	$ 363,514	

Alberta Party Political Association

		Total Contributions	Average Contribution
Amounts to $375.00:			
11	contributions from individuals	$ 475	$ 43.18
Amounts of $375.01 and greater:			
3	contributions from individuals	$ 2,582	$ 860.67
1	contribution from a corporation	$ 1,000	$ 1,000.00
	Total	$ 4,057	

Alberta Social Credit Party

		Total Contributions	Average Contribution
Amounts to $375.00:			
32	contributions from individuals	$ 1,775	$ 55.47
Amounts of $375.01 and greater:			
33	contributions from individuals	$ 38,880	$ 1,178.18
2	contributions from corporations	$ 1,051	$ 525.50
	Total	$ 41,706	

Communist Party - Alberta

	Total Contributions	Average Contribution
Amounts to $375.00:		
1 contribution from an individual	$ 100	$ 100.00
Total	$ 100	

Natural Law Party of Alberta

	Total Contributions	Average Contribution
Amounts to $375.00:		
6 contributions from individuals	$ 975	$ 162.50
Amounts of $375.01 and greater:		
7 contributions from individuals	$ 7,190	$ 1,027.14
Total	$ 8,165	

Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta

	Total Contributions	Average Contribution
Amounts to $375.00:		
2,661 contributions from individuals	$ 337,450	$ 126.81
380 contributions from corporations	$ 80,482	$ 211.79
Amounts of $375.01 and greater:		
634 contributions from individuals	$ 512,746	$ 808.75
802 contributions from corporations	$1,342,726	$ 1,674.22
Total	$2,273,404	

Reform Party of Alberta

The Party's statement reported no contributions were received during the period ending December 31, 2002.

The Equity Party

The Party's statement reported no contributions were received during the period ending December 31, 2002.

Average Contributions to Parties

		Total Contributions	Average Contribution
Amounts to $375.00:			
6,478	contributions from individuals	$ 731,799	$ 112.97
536	contributions from corporations	$ 101,181	$ 188.77
9	contributions from trade unions	$ 1,715	$ 190.56
Amounts of $375.01 and greater:			
1,176	contributions from individuals	$ 786,455	$ 668.75
925	contributions from corporations	$ 1,461,308	$ 1,579.79
6	contributions from trade unions	$ 4,551	$ 758.50

Constituency Associations - 2002 Annual Financial Statements

All two hundred and seventy-four constituency associations registered on December 31, 2002 were required to file annual financial statements on or prior to March 31, 2003, for the period January 1, 2002 to December 31, 2002.

Financial statements were received from two hundred and sixty-nine constituency associations by the due date. Four constituency associations of the Alberta Liberal Party, and one constituency association from the Alberta Party Political Association failed to file the required financial statements by the due date.

All four of the deregistered Alberta Liberal Party constituency associations: Grande Prairie-Wapiti, Innisfail-Sylvan Lake, Strathmore-Brooks, and Wainwright filed their annual financial statement for the year 2002 after the March 31, 2003 deadline. Along with the financial statements, they requested to be reregistered and subsequently were reregistered. The Alberta Party Political Association, Wainwright constituency association has not yet filed or requested reregistration and remains deregistered at this time.

Administrative and financial procedures differ significantly between parties, and each party is required to advise this Office of its routine relating to certain procedures. The following information reflects these procedures as it affects the constituency associations' authority to accept contributions and to issue official receipts for the period January 1, 2002 to December 31, 2002.

Alberta First Party

The one registered constituency association was not authorized to accept contributions.

Alberta Greens

The Alberta Greens had no constituency associations registered in the 2002 calendar year.

Alberta Liberal Party

None of the eighty-three registered constituency associations were authorized to accept contributions.

Alberta New Democratic Party

None of the eighty-three registered constituency associations were authorized to accept contributions.

Alberta Party Political Association

Both registered constituency associations were authorized to accept contributions. Wainwright has not yet filed an Annual Financial Statement and Calgary-Buffalo did not receive any contributions.

Alberta Social Credit Party

All registered constituency associations were authorized to accept contributions in the 2002 calendar year; three reported the receipt of contributions and five did not report the receipt of contributions. The remaining fourteen registered constituency associations were registered within four months of the end of the year 2002 and are not required to file an annual financial statement pursuant to Section 42(2) of the Act.

	Total Contributions	Average Contribution
Amounts to $375.00:		
6 contributions from individuals	$ 665	$ 110.83
Amounts of $375.01 and greater:		
1 contribution from an individual	$ 520	$ 520.00
1 contribution from a corporation	$ 600	$ 600.00
Total	$ 1,785	

Communist Party - Alberta

The Communist Party had no constituency associations registered in the 2002 calendar year.

Natural Law Party of Alberta

The Natural Law Party had no constituency associations registered in the 2002 calendar year.

Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta

All of the eighty-three registered constituency associations were authorized to accept contributions; 72 reported the receipt of contributions:

	Total Contributions	Average Contribution
Amounts to $375.00:		
2,942 contributions from individuals	$ 266,685	$ 90.65
1,006 contributions from corporations	$ 142,018	$ 141.17
Amounts of $375.01 and greater:		
269 contributions from individuals	$ 137,909	$ 512.67
268 contributions from corporations	$ 149,281	$ 557.02
Total	$ 695,893	

Reform Party of Alberta

The Reform Party had no constituency associations registered in the 2002 calendar year.

The Equity Party

None of the five constituency associations that were deregistered earlier in the year were authorized to accept contributions.

Average Contributions to Constituency Associations

	Total Contributions	Average Contribution
Amounts to $375.00:		
2,948 contributions from individuals	$ 267,350	$ 90.69
1,006 contributions from corporations	$ 142,018	$ 141.17
Amounts of $375.01 and greater:		
270 contributions from individuals	$ 138,429	$ 512.70
269 contributions from corporations	$ 149,881	$ 557.18

Political Parties, Constituency Associations - 2002 Contribution Totals

Total contributions received by registered parties and constituency associations during 2002 were:

	Party	Constituency Association	Total
Alberta First Party	$ 6,130	$ Nil	$ 6,130
Alberta Greens	18,554	Nil	18,554
Alberta Liberal Party	371,380	Nil	371,380
Alberta New Democratic Party	363,514	Nil	363,514
Alberta Party Political Association	4,057	Nil	4,057
Alberta Social Credit Party	41,706	1,785	43,491
Communist Party - Alberta	100	Nil	100
Natural Law Party of Alberta	8,165	Nil	8,165
Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta	2,273,404	695,893	2,969,297
Reform Party of Alberta	Nil	Nil	Nil
The Equity Party	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total	$ 3,087,010	$ 697,678	$ 3,784,688

Senatorial Selection Act

Financial Statements

The Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act permits registered political parties to maintain continuous annual financial activities between Senatorial Selection Campaigns. Registered parties may accept annual contributions, within prescribed limits, and expend funds for Senatorial Selection purposes. Annual financial statements are required to ensure complete public disclosure of all such transactions.

Only the three registered parties that endorsed a candidate at the 1989 Senatorial Selection Election are required to file an Audited Senatorial Selection Annual Financial Statement. Financial statements were received by March 31, 2003 from the three registered parties that follow:

Alberta Liberal Party

Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta

Reform Party of Alberta

Political Parties – 2002 Senatorial Selection Annual Financial Statements

The Reform Party was the only party to report financial transactions during the 2002 calendar year. They did not receive any contributions. Please see page 18 for details on the remainder of the statement.

Status of Constituency Associations of Registered Political Parties at December 31, 2002

("R" = registered, "-" = not registered, "X" = deregistered)

	Constituency Association	AFP	APPA	LIB	NDP	PC	SC	TEP
01	Athabasca-Wabasca	-	-	R	R	R	R	-
02	Lesser Slave Lake	-	-	R	R	R	R	-
03	Calgary-Bow	-	-	R	R	R	-	-
04	Calgary-Buffalo	-	R	R	R	R	R	-
05	Calgary-Cross	-	-	R	R	R	-	-
06	Calgary-Currie	-	X	R	R	R	-	-
07	Calgary-East	-	-	R	R	R	-	-
08	Calgary-Egmont	-	X	R	R	R	-	-
09	Calgary-Elbow	-	-	R	R	R	-	-
10	Calgary-Fish Creek	-	-	R	R	R	-	-
11	Calgary-Foothills	-	-	R	R	R	X	-
12	Calgary-Fort	-	-	R	R	R	X	-
13	Calgary-Glenmore	-	-	R	R	R	R	X
14	Calgary-Lougheed	-	-	R	R	R	R	-
15	Calgary-McCall	-	-	R	R	R	-	-
16	Calgary-Montrose	-	-	R	R	R	-	-
17	Calgary-Mountain View	-	-	R	R	R	-	X
18	Calgary-North Hill	-	-	R	R	R	-	-
19	Calgary-North West	-	-	R	R	R	R	-
20	Calgary-Nose Creek	-	-	R	R	R	X	-
21	Calgary-Shaw	-	-	R	R	R	-	-
22	Calgary-Varsity	-	-	R	R	R	-	-
23	Calgary-West	-	-	R	R	R	-	-
24	Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview	-	-	R	R	R	R	X
25	Edmonton-Calder		-	R	R	R	X	-
26	Edmonton-Castle Downs	-	-	R	R	R	-	-
27	Edmonton-Centre	-	-	R	R	R	-	X
28	Edmonton-Ellerslie	-	-	R	R	R	-	-
29	Edmonton-Glengarry	-	-	R	R	R	R	-
30	Edmonton-Glenora	-	-	R	R	R	X	-
31	Edmonton-Gold Bar	-	-	R	R	R	-	-
32	Edmonton-Highlands	-	-	R	R	R	-	-
33	Edmonton-Manning	-	-	R	R	R	R	-
34	Edmonton-McClung	-	-	R	R	R	X	-
35	Edmonton-Meadowlark	X	-	R	R	R	-	-
36	Edmonton-Mill Creek	X	-	R	R	R	-	-
37	Edmonton-Mill Woods	X	-	R	R	R	-	-
38	Edmonton-Norwood	-	-	R	R	R	R	-
39	Edmonton-Riverview	-	-	R	R	R	-	-
40	Edmonton-Rutherford	-	-	R	R	R	X	-
41	Edmonton-Strathcona	-	-	R	R	R	X	-
42	Edmonton-Whitemud	-	-	R	R	R	-	X
43	Airdrie-Rocky View	-	-	R	R	R	-	-
44	Banff-Cochrane	-	-	R	R	R	-	-
45	Barrhead-Westlock	-	-	R	R	R	R	-
46	Bonnyville-Cold Lake	-	-	R	R	R	X	-

	Constituency Association	AFP	APPA	LIB	NDP	PC	SC	TEP
47	Cardston-Taber-Warner	X	-	R	R	R	-	-
48	Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan	-	-	R	R	R	-	-
49	Cypress-Medicine Hat	-	-	R	R	R	X	-
50	Drayton Valley-Calmar	-	-	R	R	R	-	-
51	Drumheller-Chinook	-	-	R	R	R	X	-
52	Dunvegan	-	-	R	R	R	X	-
53	Fort McMurray	-	-	R	R	R	-	-
54	Grande Prairie-Smoky	-	-	R	R	R	R	-
55	Grande Prairie-Wapiti	-	-	R	R	R	R	-
56	Highwood	-	-	R	R	R	-	-
57	Innisfail-Sylvan Lake	X	-	R	R	R	X	-
58	Lac La Biche-St. Paul	-	-	R	R	R	R	-
59	Lacombe-Stettler	-	-	R	R	R	-	-
60	Leduc	-	-	R	R	R	R	-
61	Lethbridge-East	X	-	R	R	R	X	-
62	Lethbridge-West	X	-	R	R	R	X	-
63	Little Bow	-	-	R	R	R	-	-
64	Livingstone-Macleod	-	-	R	R	R	-	-
65	Medicine Hat	-	-	R	R	R	-	-
66	Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills	-	-	R	R	R	X	-
67	Peace River	-	-	R	R	R	-	-
68	Ponoka-Rimbey	-	-	R	R	R	-	-
69	Red Deer-North	X	-	R	R	R	R	-
70	Red Deer-South	X	-	R	R	R	R	-
71	Redwater	R	-	R	R	R	X	-
72	Rocky Mountain House	X	-	R	R	R	R	-
73	St. Albert	-	-	R	R	R	R	-
74	Sherwood Park	-	-	R	R	R	-	-
75	Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert	-	-	R	R	R	-	-
76	Stony Plain	-	-	R	R	R	X	-
77	Strathmore-Brooks	-	-	R	R	R	R	-
78	Vegreville-Viking	-	-	R	R	R	-	-
79	Vermilion-Lloydminster	-	-	R	R	R	X	-
80	Wainwright	-	R	R	R	R	R	-
81	West Yellowhead	-	-	R	R	R	-	-
82	Wetaskiwin-Camrose	-	-	R	R	R	X	-
83	Whitecourt-Ste. Anne	-	-	R	R	R	R	-

Summary of 2002 Annual Financial Statements
Registered Political Parties

Registered Political Parties	Amounts to $375.00	Amounts of $375.01 and greater	Other Revenue	Total Annual Revenue	Funds Transferred	Annual Expenses	Total Annual Expenses	Surplus (Deficit)
AFP	80	6,050	NIL	6,130	NIL	10,496	10,496	(4,366)
AG	9,875	8,679	165	18,719	NIL	15,699	15,699	3,020
LIB	139,046	232,334	64,195	435,575	92,720	314,822	407,542	28,033
NDP	264,663	98,851	151,069	514,583	44,278	422,373	466,651	47,932
APPA	475	3,582	400	4,457	NIL	3,501	3,501	956
SC	1,775	39,931	4,711	46,417	115	46,314	46,429	(12)
CP-A	100	NIL	NIL	100	NIL	NIL	NIL	100
NLP	975	7,190	NIL	8,165	NIL	8,739	8,739	(574)
PC	417,932	1,855,472	277,449	2,550,853	NIL	1,840,651	1,840,651	710,202
REF	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
TEP	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	66	66	(66)

Note: The information presented above represents financial data at December 31, 2002 in capsule form. For information on prior years, reference should be made to the Public Files maintained in this Office (see page 20).

Summary of 2002 Senatorial Selection Annual Financial Statements
Registered Political Parties

Registered Political Parties	Amounts to $375.00	Amounts of $375.01 and greater	Other Revenue	Total Annual Revenue	Funds Transferred	Annual Expenses	Total Annual Expenses	Surplus (Deficit)
LIB	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
PC	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
REF	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	5,340	5,340	(5,340)

Note: The information presented above represents financial data at December 31, 2002 in capsule form. For information on prior years, reference should be made to the Public Files maintained in this Office (see page 20)

Section Two

General Information

Income Tax Credit Allowance - 2001

The Office of Budget and Management, Tax Policy of Alberta Finance provided information obtained from Canada Customs and Revenue Agency concerning the 2001 income tax credits for political contributions allowed to individual and corporate taxpayers who paid Alberta income tax.

Although the following information is one year after the fact, it may be of general interest:

2001 contributions, by individuals, to parties	$ 1,832,447
2001 contributions, by corporations, to parties	$ 2,222,706
2001 contributions, by trade unions, to parties	$ 52,075
(The above amounts are for the 2001 calendar year and include the campaign contributions from the 2001 General Election)	
2001 contributions, by individuals, to constituency associations	$ 292,553
2001 contributions, by corporations, to constituency associations	$ 215,481
2001 contributions, by trade unions, to constituency associations	NIL
2001 contributions, by individuals, to candidates	$ 1,794,083
2001 contributions, by corporations, to candidates	$ 1,307,513
2001 contributions, by trade unions, to candidates	$ 18,779
2001 income tax credit allowed to individuals	$ 1,531,149
2001 income tax credit allowed to corporations	$ 285,825

These factors should be considered when reviewing this information:

a. taxpayers do not receive income tax credits unless they submit an Official Receipt for the contribution;

b. if there is no Alberta income tax payable, no income tax credit is allowed; and

c. the amount of income tax credit allowed is based on a declining percentage calculation of the total contribution; the maximum tax credit of $750.00 is reached with a contribution of $1,725.00.

Note: In consideration of the foregoing factors, a direct percentage comparison of the income tax credit allowed to the total amount contributed may not necessarily be valid.

Funds Held in Trust by the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer

As per Section 10(12) of the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act, the Chief Electoral Officer is required to hold funds in trust, for up to one year, for any party, constituency association or candidate whose registration has been cancelled or for any other reason. If unclaimed, the trust funds are paid into the General Revenue Fund. An amount of $110.14 was held in trust until June 2003. In addition, an amount of $132.58 was paid to the Chief Electoral Officer to be held in trust until January 2004. In March 2003, all funds held in trust by the Chief Electoral Officer were forwarded to reregistered constituency associations under the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act.

Public Files

The Public Files contain information concerning political financing of registered political organizations in Alberta. The Public Files now contain data for twenty-six consecutive calendar years including the seven General Elections held since 1979, the sixteen By-elections held since January 1, 1978 and the Senate Nominee Elections held in 1989 and 1998. Interest in examining these records usually peaks when the candidates, constituency associations and parties file the required campaign period or annual financial statements.

All financial statements are contained in the Public Files maintained by this Office and are available for examination from 8:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday. Photocopies of data maintained in the Public Files are available at a rate prescribed under authority of Section 11(2) of the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act. Copies of all reports published by the Chief Electoral Officer are available to the public at no cost and are also available on the Elections Alberta website.

Events of Interest Since March 31, 2003

The following events have taken place between the end of the filing year, March 31, 2003 and the date this report was published; each of these subjects will be addressed in detail in the Twenty-seventh Annual Report of the Chief Electoral Officer.

- Four constituency associations from the Alberta Liberal Party were deregistered for failure to submit the 2002 annual financial statements by the March 31, 2003 deadline. All four have filed their 2002 statements and were reregistered.

- The Grande Prairie-Wapiti Social Credit Constituency Association requested deregistration in June 2003.

- The Alberta Alliance Party registered 82 constituency associations in February 2003. Nine Alberta Social Credit Party, and one Alberta Party Political Association constituency associations had applied for registration in 2003 to date. Eleven Alberta Social Credit Party constituency associations were reregistered in 2003 to date, after being deregistered for failing to submit annual financial statements for years prior to 2002.